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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Gate Assembly for Reducing Drooling of Melt From a Sprue Bar**
Inventor: Robert Sicilia
Our Ref: 2107.0520000/TUM/MJM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (PTO/SB/30);
3. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
4. Eight (8) sheets of Formal Drawings, (Figs. 1-8), approval of which is respectfully requested;
5. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
6. List of Documents cited on Form PTO/SB/08A (1 Page) and Form PTO/SB/08B (1 Page);
7. A copy of each document cited on Form PTO/SB/08A and Form PTO/SB/08B;
8. One (1) return postcard; and
9. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee for RCE.

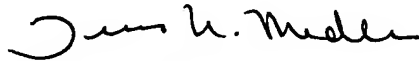
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Submitted herewith are eight sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1-8, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

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